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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV

SUBJECT: TAW

REFS: (A) STATE 22346 (1976); (B) STATE 32314 (1976);  
(C) LIBREVILLE 1870 (1976)

1. LITIGATION DESCRIBED REF (A) RECENTLY RECOMMENCED IN  
NEW YORK. OPIC REQUESTS THAT POST CONTINUE TO SEEK  
APPROVAL ORIGINALLY REQUESTED REF (B). MOST RECENT ADVICE  
FROM POST TO OPIC IN THIS MATTER WAS REF (C).

2. RE INFO REQUESTED PARA 2 REF (C), OPIC NOT IN POSSES-  
SION DETAILS RE TAW CREDITORS IN GABON. RE GENERAL TAW  
OPERATIONS, OPIC BELIEVES THESE SAME AS REST OF AFRICA,  
E.G., THE LEASING OF TRUCKS, PRINTING PRESSES, BOWLING  
EQUIPMENT, AND POSSIBLY LIGHT AIRCRAFT. PROBABILITY  
IS ONLY TRUCKS ARE LEASED IN GABON. OPIC BELIEVES TAW  
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ORIGINATED GABON OPERATIONS IN OR ABOUT 1971 BUT PROBABLY  
TERMINATED THEM WHEN IT MOVED MOST OF ITS WEST AFRICAN  
TRUCK FLEET TO ZAMBIA IN SUMMER 1973 IN ATTEMPT TO PARTIALLY  
COMPLY WITH LEASE UNDER WHICH TAW HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA WITH 300 TRUCKS BY JANUARY 1974. OPIC  
BELIEVES THAT AT ONE TIME A COMPANY NAMED TAW SERVICES,  
LTD. , INCORPORATED IN GABON, WAS IN BUSINESS IN GABON

CARRYING OUT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF TAW LEASED VEHICLES.  
CREDITORS HAVE HAD NO REPORTS FROM TAW IN OVER TWO YEARS  
SO ABOVE INFORMATION IS AT BEST INCOMPLETE.

3. IN EVENT GOG UNWILLING TO PROVIDE BLANKET APPROVAL OF  
THE TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS THEMSELVES, AT MINIMUM GOG  
RESPONSE SHOULD SPECIFY (A) THAT IT WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF  
THE TRANSFEROR (TAW) TO SEEK APPROVAL BEFORE OUT-REMITTING  
LOCAL FUNDS, (B) THAT ANY ILLEGALITY WHICH MAY HAVE INHERED  
IN THE TRANSACTIONS AROSE SOLELY FROM TAW'S FAILURE TO SEEK  
SUCH APPROVAL, AND (C) THAT THE USG ITSELF VIOLATED NO  
LOCAL LAWS.

4. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING ASSISTANCE. DECLASSIFY  
FOLLOWING 1/20/79. CHRISTOPHER

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